INFORMATION ON VARIOUS COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET "THE CRIME AGAINST CUBA"

A) 20 copies picked up in Texas after the assassination:

FBI Exhibits 99 and 303 are respectively 3 and 17 copies of this pamphlet by Corliss Lamont which were found in Irving (24H278, 24H332, 24H337). The Archives has advised that 9 copies have no address on page 39 and that 10 have the address " FPCC 544 CAMP ST. NEW ORLEANS, LA." (The remaining copy has an illegible notation which appears to be part of the Camp Street address.)

B) Carlos Bringuier's copy:

"CARLOS BRINGUIER, Casa Roca, 107 Decatur Street, displayed the (sic) copy of the booklet which bore the name at the top, Basic Pamphlets (14) 'The Crime Against Cuba' by CORLISS LAMONT. This pamphlet was printed by Basic Pamphlets, Box 42, Cathedral Street, New York 25, New York." (CD 75, p. 703; at this point in CD 75, the FBI gives no further information on this pamphlet.)

C) Bill Stuckey's copy:

Stuckey obtained several pamphlets, including this one, when he visited Oswald on August 17, 1963 (11H161); he mentioned it in his taped interview with Oswald that evening (21H624). Stuckey's copy of the pamphlet was not introduced as evidence, and Jenner was not too interested in it (11H161). I do not know if it had the Camp St. address.

D) A copy in the N.O.P.D. Intelligence Division file:

As of September 11, 1964, the Intelligence Division had one copy, which did have the Camp St. address. (See CD 1495.) It is not clear exactly when and by whom this was obtained from Oswald. (It is noted that this copy is not reproduced in CE 1413; I do not yet know whether it is in CD 365, from which CE 1413 was taken.)

E) Copies in Lt. Martello's possession on November 23, 1963:

Martello testified that on the day after the assassination he gave Secret Service agent Vial all of the literature in the file on Oswald (10H56, 10H62). There apparently were 3 copies of the Lamont pamphlet (CE 3119, p. 11). The list of attachments to this CE (p. 24) indicates that the distribution was "1 each to Chief's Office and Dallas," and I presume that the third copy was retained in New Orleans.

CE 3119 comes from the copy of the Secret Service report which was sent to the Chief's office, but the Archives has advised that "Commission Document 87 (Control No. 407) includes only an electrostatic copy of the front cover of the Corliss Lamont pamphlet." I also do not know whether the copy sent to Dallas had the Camp St. address. One copy was found in the N.O. Secret Service office on September 11, 1964, in response to a request from the Warren Commission; this copy, which has the Camp St. address, is CE 3120. (See CD 1495.)

F) Possibility that a copy was in the FBI files before the assassination:

Quigley testified that on August 10, 1963, Lt. Martello showed him various literature that had been obtained from Oswald the previous day. Quigley "reviewed" the material but, as far as I can tell, did not take any (4H432). However, during the interview Oswald "made available" a copy of the Lamont pamphlet and the two FPCC throwaways. Although I have no direct evidence of a copy of the Lamont pamphlet in the FBI files, I believe that Quigley probably kept that copy that Oswald "made available" to him.

On September 11, 1964, SAIC Rice of the N.O. Secret Service was asked by phone to find a copy of the 544 Camp St. literature for the Warren Commission; his report (CD 1495) is dated the same day. He noted that after looking at the FPCC circulars (i.e., the "Hands off Cuba" handbills) in the Secret Service files "I subsequently contacted the local FBI office and was informed that a search would be made of their files for the circular, and up to this time no further information has been received from that office."

It is noted that the "Hands off Cuba" handbill and the FPCC application form are transcribed in full in Quigley's report (17H760-1); it seems likely that this section was typed from copies of the throwaways rather than from Quigley's notes. FBI Exhibit D-25 includes a "Hands off Cuba" circular with the following handwritten notations on the back: the file number "100-16601" (cf. CE 826); illegible initials which may or may not be "JLQ"; and "8/10/63." I expect that this handbill was obtained from Oswald by Quigley, but the Archives has advised that "no cover letter or memorandum relating to FBI Exhibit D-25 has been located in relevant files of the Commission."

Quigley reported that "OSWALD stated in addition to this he had on his person several copies of a thirty-nine page pamphlet entitled 'The Crime Against Cuba' by CORLISS LAMONT ..." (17H761) I doubt that Oswald said "I have this thirty-nine page pamphlet with me," and the back cover is not numbered as page 40, so I think it is safe to assume that Quigley looked at page 39 himself. If the copy which he saw did have the 544 Camp Street address, I can think of no innocent explanation for the omission of that fact from Quigley's report.

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